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OCRWM Performance in Brief

From the Secretary's Fiscal Year 1997 Performance Agreement with the President

OCRWM commitment: FINDING SOLUTIONS TO SPENT NUCLEAR FUEL STORAGE AND FUNDING ISSUES. Refocus the Civilian Radioactive Waste Management Program to provide meaningful deliverables that are consistent with reduced funding and revised policies.

Success Measure 1

Completing the excavation of the Exploratory Studies Facility main 5-mile loop and selected scientific instrumentation alcoves to support studies for a viability assessment of the Yucca Mountain site in September 1998 and subsequent site suitability determination and licensing.

Fiscal Year 1997 results

Excavation of the Exploratory Studies Facility main 5-mile loop was completed on April 25, 1997. The thermal test alcove was completed in January 1997. The Northern Ghost Dance Fault alcove was completed May 9 and testing was initiated May 23, 1997.

Success Measure 2

Submitting the Topical Safety Analysis Report to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for a non-site specific Phase I interim storage facility design to assist in maintaining a readiness capability should interim storage be authorized by legislation.

Fiscal Year 1997 results

The Topical Safety Analysis Report was submitted to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) on May 1, 1997. The NRC performed its acceptance review and found the submittal to be complete enough to begin its detailed technical review.

Success Measure 3

Issuing a Revised Notice of Proposed Policy and Procedures under Section 180(c) of the Nuclear Waste Policy Act, which provides for technical and financial assistance to States and Indian Tribes for training public safety officials through whose jurisdictions spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste would be transported, in preparation for an orderly transportation activity.

Fiscal Year 1997 results

A Revised Notice of Proposed Policy and Procedures under Section 180 (c) of the Nuclear Waste Policy Act was issued on July 17, 1997.

Success Measure 4

Issuing a draft request for proposals to provide waste acceptance and transportation services and equipment for commercial spent nuclear fuel, to carry on collaboration with the nuclear utilities and other stakeholders to resolve issues, and develop the management and logistical capability in the private sector.

Fiscal Year 1997 results

An initial draft request for proposals was issued in December 1996. Based on comments received, a revised draft was issued in December 1997.